

Unit 4: Two classrooms, two languages

Introduction

At our school, lessons are taught in two languages – English and French. This may sound confusing but really it's a lot of fun.

Half of the time we are taught in English. The rest of the time we are taught in French. We are taught to listen, speak, read and write in both English and French. In other words, we are bilingual.



Do you speak
English?
Parlez-vous
anglais?

Our classroom

Each grade has a separate English and French classroom. In the French classroom, all our lessons are taught in French and everything is written in French. No English is allowed!

When we are doing schoolwork in French, we don't speak a word of English. We read books in French, write in French, and do maths and art in French. Because we hear and speak French so often, learning the language is easier.



French words in English

You might be surprised to know that many of our English words are actually French words. Even if you have never learned French, you already know some French words! Here are just a few examples.

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| • ambulance | • bon voyage | • restaurant |
| • ballet | • camouflage | • souvenir |
| • blonde | • menu | • unique |



The door slid open and Luke and Sophie stepped into the Tomorrow Lab. The lab looked like the interior of a house but the furniture was very strange.

"Welcome," said the holographic image of a boy and a girl that appeared on one of the walls. They were about the same age as Luke and Sophie. "We are your holographic helpers," said the boy. "My name is Zac."

The Tomorrow Lab - the

WONDER EAR-INS



How Wonder Ear-ins Work

Ear-ins use complex programs to translate the language being spoken into the language you want to hear. With a built-in library of 1 200 languages and the latest micro power cells, they will translate what you hear for years and years!

The Ear-ins remote control unit sets your preferred languages — for example, English for the language the Ear-ins take in and French for the language you hear. The remote control unit can also keep your Ear-ins up-to-date with the latest slang words in all languages.

Ear-ins slip into each ear, moulding to the shape of your ear. No-one will ever notice them!

"Another term for us is computer-generated companions," said the girl. "My name is Lulu."

"We are here to answer your questions. Feel free to ask us anything," they said together.

Sophie saw a table covered in small gadgets. She picked up two, small, foam-like shapes.

"You are holding ear-ins, Sophie. They fit into your ear and translate languages," explained Lulu.

house of the future.

